GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:213
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2007
RAKSHA UDHYOG RATHNA AWARD TO PRIVATE MANUFACTURERS
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has honoured certain private manufacturers of Defence related equipments in our country with `Raksha Udhyog Rathna` award;

(b) if so, the minimum bench mark a manufacturer should necessarily fulfill for qualifying for that award;

(c) the rationale behind conferring such awards at this juncture;

(d) whether the Government proposes to place orders for the purchase of armaments and Defence equipment from the Raksha Udhyog Rathna awardees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The Government has not yet taken any decision on the recommendations of the Selection Committee for selection of `Raksha Udyog Ratnas` submitted on 6th June 2007.

(b) The criteria notified in the guidelines for selection of `Raksha Udyog Ratna` (`RURs`) are indicated in the enclosed statement.

(c) to (e): Do not arise in view of reply to part (a).